

REMARKS

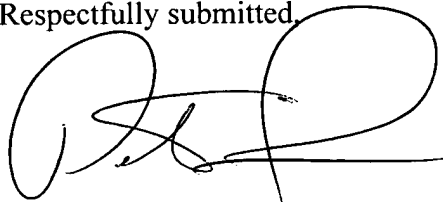
This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 3, 2005. In the Office Action claims 14-22 have been preliminarily rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated. Claims 23-26 have been preliminarily rejected as allegedly being unpatentable.

Upon entry of the present response, claims 14-26 have been cancelled, without prejudice and claims 27-43 have been newly added. Claims 27-43 have been provided for clarification purposes and are patentable over the cited references. Claims 27-43 also do not introduce any new matter.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections have been traversed, rendered moot and/or accommodated, and that presently pending claims 27-43 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and the presently pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 627-8134.

Respectfully submitted,

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